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L A T E C A B L E S

Argentine third official estimate of acreage sown for 1937-38 crops reported as follows: Wheat 18,908,000 acres, rye 2,184,000, barley 1,942,000, oats 3,254,000, flaxseed 7,023,000 acres. Acreages sown for 1936-37 were as follows, with harvested areas in parentheses: Wheat 17,502,000 (15,862,000) acres, rye 2,204,000 (674,000), barley 1,925,000 (1,409,000), oats 3,158,000 (1,917,000), flaxseed 7,438,000 (6,622,000) acres. (Agricultural Attaché P. O. Nyhus, Buenos Aires.)

Austria 1937 acreage of sugar beets reported at 105,000 acres as against 93,000 acres in 1936. Crop estimates were as follows, with 1936 comparisons in parentheses: Sugar beets 1,073,000 (1,006,000) short tons, corn 7,126,000 (6,727,000) bushels, potatoes 118,314,000 (87,032,000) bushels. International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.)

France 1937 corn area estimated at 839,000 acres as against 913,000 acres in 1936, production at 21,574,000 bushels as compared with 22,348,000 in 1936. (International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.)

Northern Brazil cotton crop for 1937-38 placed at 868,465 bales of 478 pounds net (second estimate) compared with final estimate of 648,863 bales for 1936-37. (American Consulate General, Rio de Janeiro.)

England and Wales hop crop for 1937 estimated at 26,320,000 pounds from 18,093 acres compared with 28,224,000 pounds from 18,317 acres in 1936. (Agricultural Attaché C. C. Taylor, London.)

Australian wool sales opened at Brisbane on November 29 with average selections and good competition. Chief buyers were from continental Europe. Prices ruled firm as compared with those at the closing of the preceding series of sales at Sydney on November 25. (Agricultural Attaché C. C. Taylor, London.)

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CORRECTION: The page numbers in last week's issue should have run from 377 to 386 instead of from 337 to 346 as numbered.

GRAINS

The oriental wheat marketsChina

There has been little change in the wheat and flour situation in Shanghai during recent weeks, according to radiograms from the Shanghai office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. No exports of flour were being made during late November, and no wheat sales were reported. The Shanghai mills are now able to furnish only local flour needs and small quantities to South China. Even to supply this reduced market for flour, they can no longer obtain domestic wheat. Flour was quoted during the week ended November 26 at \$1.31 per bag of 49 pounds against \$1.17 per bag early in November. Australian flour, c.i.f. Hong Kong, declined from \$5.00 per barrel of 196 pounds early in the month to \$4.51 per barrel.

Japan

There was a marked increase in Japanese flour exports during September, it was reported to the Shanghai office by Consul General Cameron at Tokyo, which would, under normal conditions, indicate larger imports of wheat. But with present import restrictions, purchases of foreign wheat will undoubtedly be limited. Furthermore, the 1937 domestic wheat crop is more than 5,000,000 bushels larger than that of 1936. The final official estimate is placed at 50,410,000 bushels, which is about equal to domestic requirements, the goal of Japan's plan for increased production. Japanese flour exports are normally to Manchuria, with small quantities going to China and the Philippine Islands. Since Shanghai mills are no longer able to make shipments to North China, which usually average from 2,000,000 to 3,500,000 barrels annually, it is probable that Japan is supplying this market, at least in part.

JAPAN: Imports of wheat by countries of origin and total exports of flour, September 1936 and 1937, July-September 1936-37 and 1937-38

Country and item	September		July-September	
	1936	1937	1936-37	1937-38
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
<u>Imports of wheat:</u>				
Canada.....	553	172	1,225	352
Australia.....	-	357	507	487
Argentina.....	-	46	-	64
China.....	106	-	309	4
Manchuria.....	106	27	127	123
Total.....	765	602	2,168	1,030
	1,000 barrels	1,000 barrels	1,000 barrels	1,000 barrels
<u>Exports of flour</u>	50	251	182	389

Shanghai office, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

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Prices of foreign wheat at Tokyo on November 1 were substantially lower than on October 1, but as a result of the disturbed economic conditions domestic and Manchurian wheat and flour continued the upward trend noted in October. Quotations of wheat at the mill on November 1 were as follows, import duty and landing charges included: Western White No. 2, \$1.46 per bushel; Canadian No. 1, \$1.99, No. 3, \$1.73; Australian \$1.57; Manchurian \$1.78 per bushel. Domestic standard wheat was \$1.30 per bushel and Portland wheat, c.i.f. Yokahama, \$1.11, duty and landing charges excluded. The wholesale price of flour at the mill was \$1.35 per bag; c.i.f. Dairen, \$1.48.

COTTON

Further control for Japanese cotton industry

Additional measures were announced by the Japanese Government on October 22, that place under state control virtually all stages of the Japanese cotton industry, from imports of raw cotton through exports of cotton textiles. According to information received from American Consul Krentz, through the Shanghai office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the control body that will administer these measures consists of a combined group from the Department of Commerce and Industry and the Cotton Industry Control Committee. Representation of the latter committee is fixed at five members, two from the Spinners' Association and one each from the raw cotton importers, cloth exporters, and yarn exporters.

New adjustment measures for the cotton industry, which have recently been published, limit monthly cotton imports next year to around 1,500,000 piculs (about 400,000 bales of 500 pounds). Monthly imports during the last crop year (September 1936-August 1937) averaged 370,000 bales, and ranged between 200,000 bales and 574,000 bales.

On October 25 the Combined State Control Committee announced that their first official prices had been fixed for the current week and that these prices would be subject to revision every Saturday. The first official maximum quotation for raw cotton, based on 7/8" Middling, was fixed for the first week at 52 yen per picul, equivalent to about 11.35 cents per pound. The maximum quotation for 20-count yarn was fixed at 230 yen per bale of 400 pounds, or about 16.59 cents per pound.

Yarn production continued at a high level in October, totaling 337,000 bales, in comparison with 298,000 bales during the same month last year. The high level of mill consumption, coupled with the drastic reduction in imports of raw cotton caused by exchange restrictions, have resulted in a substantial decline in wharf and mill stocks of raw cotton. Wharf stocks declined by about 195,000 bales during the month of October. At the October rate of consumption, stocks will be exhausted by the middle of January unless additional import permits are granted. It was reported

that some spinners were beginning to feel the shortage of certain growths, and might be forced to reduce operations during November.

Imports of raw cotton for the month of October were only 59,000 bales of 500 pounds compared with about 200,000 bales imported during the corresponding month last year. Imports of Brazilian cotton represented an unusually large proportion of the total.

Exports of cotton cloth were well maintained in October, totaling 245,000,000 yards in comparison with 233,000,000 yards in October last year. It is reported that exported cloth is to be exempt from control fees in order that the export trade may not be affected adversely by the rise in internal prices of manufactured goods.

JAPAN: Raw cotton imports, October 1937 with comparisons

(In bales of 500 pounds)

Growth	October		September-October	
	1936	1937	1936	1937
	Bales	Bales	Bales	Bales
United States	47,000	18,000	74,000	20,000
Indian	73,000	6,000	208,000	70,000
Egyptian	4,000	1,000	9,000	2,000
Chinese	16,000	2,000	23,000	4,000
Brazilian	a/	31,000	a/	85,000
Others	59,000	1,000	139,000	6,000
Total	199,000	59,000	453,000	187,000

Based on Japanese official and trade sources. a/ Not shown separately.

JAPAN: Wharf stocks of raw cotton, October 1937, with comparisons

(In bales of 500 pounds)

Growth	1936	1937	
	October 31	September 30	October 31
	Bales	Bales	Bales
United States	139,000	168,000	111,000
Indian	190,000	265,000	149,000
Egyptian	a/	8,000	6,000
Chinese	a/	3,000	2,000
Brazilian	a/	51,000	42,000
Others	108,000	23,000	13,000
Total	437,000	518,000	323,000

Estimates from trade sources in Japan. a/ Not shown separately.

COTTON: Price per pound of representative raw cotton at Liverpool,
November 26, with comparisons

Growth	1937							
	October				November			
	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
American -								
Middling.....	9.80	9.96	10.09	9.99	9.47	9.62	9.48	9.65
Low Middling.....	8.26	8.41	8.54	8.44	7.91	8.06	7.92	8.09
Egyptian (Fully Good Fair) -								
Sakellaridis.....	15.87	17.65	17.43	17.62	17.15	17.47	17.09	16.98
Uppers.....	12.53	12.96	13.14	12.89	12.51	12.86	12.53	12.38
Brazilian (Fair) -								
Ceara.....	8.46	8.62	8.75	8.65	8.43	8.58	8.44	8.61
Sao Paulo.....	9.60	9.36	9.98	9.39	9.47	9.62	9.48	9.65
East Indian -								
Broach (Fully Good).....	7.80	8.04	8.19	7.92	7.60	7.85	7.75	7.99
C. P. Oomra No. 1, Superfine	8.42	8.66	8.31	8.54	8.22	8.48	8.38	8.61
Sind (Fully Good).....	7.64	7.75	7.86	7.70	7.47	7.73	7.69	7.93
Peruvian (Good) -								
Tanguis.....	13.73	13.89	14.01	14.23	13.84	13.98	13.86	-

Converted at current exchange rates.

UNITED STATES: Exports of cotton to principal foreign markets,
annual, 1935-36 and 1936-37, and the season,
August 1 - November 25, 1936 and 1937 a/
(Running bales)

Country to which exported	Year ended July 31		August 1 - November 25	
	1935-36	1936-37	1936	1937
	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales	1,000 bales
United Kingdom.....	1,466	1,220	445	749
Continental Europe.....	2,936	2,587	1,080	1,421
Total Europe.....	4,402	3,807	1,525	2,170
Japan.....	1,548	1,592	625	103
Other countries.....	333	330	124	185
Total.....	6,283	5,779	2,274	2,458
Linters.....	243	259	86	88
Total excluding linters..	6,040	5,520	2,188	2,370

Compiled from the Weekly Stock and Movement Report, New York Cotton Exchange.
a/ Includes Linters.

BUTTER: New Zealand grading, 1937-38 season to November 20,
with comparisons

Date	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
<u>Week ended</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
August 1 to 28	12,852	14,717	12,225	11,704
September 4.....	4,738	4,368	5,040	4,816
11.....	5,432	5,040	5,544	5,488
18.....	6,261	5,376	5,880	6,272
25.....	6,580	5,768	6,664	6,579
Monthly total....	23,011	20,552	23,128	23,155
October 2.....	7,700	6,496	7,560	7,896
9.....	8,333	7,633	8,120	8,008
16.....	8,848	8,232	8,960	8,680
23.....	9,156	9,206	9,744	9,744
30.....	9,968	9,576	9,520	9,016
Monthly total....	44,005	41,143	43,904	43,344
November 6.....	10,192	10,248	10,360	10,584
13.....	10,416	10,156	11,200	10,248
20.....	10,416	10,472	10,920	10,248
Total to November 20	110,892	107,268	111,737	109,283

Agricultural Attache C. C. Taylor, London.

BUTTER: Australian grading, 1937-38 season to November 6,
with comparisons

Date	1934-35	1935-36	1936-37	1937-38
<u>Week ended</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>
July 1 to 31	5,552	4,352	2,370	3,400
August 7.....	1,487	1,337	943	1,310
14.....	1,606	1,315	1,942	1,102
21.....	2,193	1,579	1,516	1,107
28.....	2,352	2,041	2,027	1,418
Monthly total....	7,638	6,272	6,428	4,937
September 4.....	2,912	2,379	2,612	1,693
11.....	3,835	3,040	2,639	2,083
18.....	4,482	3,076	3,060	3,026
25.....	5,078	3,940	3,759	3,642
Monthly total....	16,307	12,435	12,070	10,444
October 2.....	5,784	4,771	3,721	3,842
9.....	6,500	5,383	4,059	4,467
16.....	6,516	6,704	4,731	4,870
23.....	7,302	7,155	4,525	5,660
30.....	8,617	7,728	4,988	5,640
Monthly total....	34,719	31,741	22,024	24,479
November 6.....	8,590	8,212	4,997	6,044
Total to November 6	72,806	63,012	47,889	49,304

Weekly Dairy Produce Notes, Imperial Economic Committee.

BUTTER: Price per pound in New York, San Francisco, Copenhagen, and London,
November 25, 1937, with comparisons

Market and description	Week ended		
	November 26, 1936	November 18, 1937	November 25, 1937
	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>	<u>Cents</u>
New York, 92 score.....	a/ 34.2	38.0	a/ 39.5
San Francisco, 92 score.....	a/ 34.0	36.0	a/ 36.5
Copenhagen, official quotation..	20.7	25.9	26.2
London:			
Danish.....	26.0	31.9	32.0
New Zealand.....	23.3	27.0	25.5
Dutch.....	21.8	28.2	25.9

Foreign prices converted at current rates of exchange.

a/ Holiday; quotations as of previous day.

LIVESTOCK AND MEAT: Price per 100 pounds in specified European markets,
November 24, 1937, with comparisons a/

Market and item	Week ended		
	November 25, 1936	November 17, 1937	November 24, 1937
	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
Germany:			
Price of hogs, Berlin.....	17.70	17.30	17.30
Price of lard, tcs., Hamburg..	13.61	12.54	11.07
United Kingdom: b/			
Prices at Liverpool first quality -			
American green bellies.....	18.14	Nominal	Nominal
Danish Wiltshire sides.....	19.67	20.54	20.54
Canadian green sides.....	17.59	19.09	19.09
American short cut green hams	20.54	19.94	19.20
American refined lard.....	14.01	13.34	12.41

Liverpool quotations are on the basis of sales from importer to wholesaler.

a/ Converted at current rate of exchange.

b/ Week ended Friday.

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